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***"AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITY CONTROL."***

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and  
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. Subsection (k) of section 16-244c of the 2008 supplement to  
4 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
5 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

6 (k) (1) As used in this section:

7 (A) "Participating electric supplier" means an electric supplier that is  
8 licensed by the department to provide electric service, pursuant to this  
9 subsection, to residential or small commercial customers.

10 (B) "Residential customer" means a customer who is eligible for  
11 standard service and who takes electric distribution-related service  
12 from an electric distribution company pursuant to a residential tariff.

13 (C) "Small commercial customer" means a customer who is eligible

14 for standard service and who takes electric distribution-related service  
15 from an electric distribution company pursuant to a small commercial  
16 tariff.

17 (D) "Qualifying electric offer" means an offer to provide full  
18 requirements commodity electric service and all other generation-  
19 related service to a residential or small commercial customer at a fixed  
20 price per kilowatt hour for a term of no less than [one year] six months.

21 (2) In the manner determined by the department, residential or  
22 small commercial service customers (A) initiating new utility service,  
23 (B) reinitiating service following a change of residence or business  
24 location, (C) making an inquiry regarding their utility rates, or (D)  
25 seeking information regarding energy efficiency shall be offered the  
26 option to learn about their ability to enroll with a participating electric  
27 supplier. Customers expressing an interest to learn about their electric  
28 supply options shall be informed of the qualifying electric offers then  
29 available from participating electric suppliers. The electric distribution  
30 companies shall describe then available qualifying electric offers  
31 through a method reviewed and approved by the department. The  
32 information conveyed to customers expressing an interest to learn  
33 about their electric supply options shall include, at a minimum, the  
34 price and term of the available electric supply option. Customers  
35 expressing an interest in a particular qualifying electric offer shall be  
36 immediately transferred to a call center operated by that participating  
37 electric supplier.

38 (3) Not later than September 1, 2007, the department shall establish  
39 terms and conditions under which a participating electric supplier can  
40 be included in the referral program described in subdivision (2) of this  
41 subsection. Such terms shall include, but not be limited to, requiring  
42 participating electrical suppliers to offer time-of-use and real-time use  
43 rates to residential customers.

44 (4) Each calendar quarter, participating electric suppliers shall be  
45 allowed to list qualifying offers to provide electric generation service

46 to residential and small commercial customers with each customer's  
47 utility bill. The department shall determine the manner such  
48 information is presented in customers' utility bills.

49 (5) Any customer that receives electric generation service from a  
50 participating electric supplier may return to standard service or may  
51 choose another participating electric supplier at any time, including  
52 during the qualifying electric offer, without the imposition of any  
53 additional charges. Any customer that is receiving electric generation  
54 service from an electric distribution company pursuant to standard  
55 service can switch to another participating electric supplier at any time  
56 without the imposition of additional charges."